Autonomy to PSUs

*277. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to grant complete autonomy to PSUs to run their business;

(b) if so, the type of freedom that is proposed to be granted to help the PSUs compete with the private sector;

(c) whether any instructions in the matter have been issued by Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV) (a) to (d) The Government have pledged to devolve full managerial and commercial autonomy to successful profit making companies operating in a competitive environment. Government has set up a Group of Experts to make recommendations in this regard.

Report on ICHR

*278. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received an interim report of the one-man Review Committee of the Indian Council for Historical Research (ICHR);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH) (a) to (c) The one-man Review Committee enquiring into the affairs of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has so far submitted two interim reports. These relate to the "non-publication/stoppage of volumes of 'Towards Freedom' Project by ICHR"; and, on the "non-submission of research work by scholars, who were given Fellowships by the ICHR during the period between 1995-96 and 2000-01, as highlighted in the report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for 2002-03".